

Small Group Discussion Questions Anderson County

What is occurring in your community which addresses these responsibilities and areas for action?

- School improvement council
- Strategic plan
- Dual enrollment
- Gateway To College
- Anderson 4 Family Learning Center
- GED-Childcare/Parenting
- First steps-nutrition
- Healthy schools initiative
- After school programs
- Employer educating employee
- Already dedicated, students are center of education.
- Operation impact
- Team Parenting Programs
- S. Fant Early Childhood Development Center
- Strong teaching force.
- Anderson literacy
- University mentoring programs
- Advd-accelerated program
- Star-Academy-Accelerated Program
- Faith-Based Grant Program
- Business Partnerships
- Virtual Schools-Nova Net
- Strong professional development for teachers
- District and school strategic plans that address the common ground commitment.
- Downtown as a classroom
- Head starts reading and science initiatives.
- After school tutoring adults
- Strong mentoring
- Ministers / faith based initiating children preparing children for education plus high school to partnerships
- Business/educational partnerships
- Mentoring for new teachers
- Partnership with local universities
- Partnerships with faith community and business organizations.

- Save money by combining staff development.
- Partnership with Anderson County mental health
- Buildings open for communities in school program
- Family child development centers.
- School based nurses
- Adult ed. promoted and supported throughout county.
- High risk intervention system for parenting
- Teen pregnancy prevention
- School to work, job shadowing
- Ninth grade academy
- After school clubs, activities
- Nova-net

What are the critical barriers to fulfilling the commitment in your community?

- Teaching the parent change values of parents.
- Poverty
- Illiteracy of parents
- Pre- school funding
- Funding in general
- More fair testing that has diagnostic data, public must know the truth about public education.
- Apathy
- Please share all the information from the EOC
- Social/ economic depression
- Teen pregnancy
- Family problems
- In school discipline
- Poor attendance
- Low self-esteem
- Negative publicity
- Based on faulty report card data
- Redefine how we are judged. SC criteria
- PACT testing
- Amount of educator input (ie, make up of EOC as example)

- Accurate data pulled at SDE for SASI

List the five most important things your community can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- Be a bigger advocate.
- Reduce level of apathy
- Increase level of parent involvement
- Outreach (birth age to school)
- Revamp assessment
- Fair accountability system
- Review new property tax law
- Politicians focus on public education for the right reason
- Support education through tax monies(ex. Tax-in-lien)
- Recruit businesses
- Integration between agencies that meet the need of each student
- Promote positive

List the five most important things you as an individual can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- Focus on things we have control over in education
- Collaboration from Pre-K on up.
- Reduce level of apathy